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Re: Application of: Benjamin OSHLACK, et al.
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (18 pages) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on pages 1-18 of the Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed because these references have already been considered and made of record in the parent case, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/360,056.

Applicants note that EP0574894 A1, designated as reference numeral RG was cited by the Examiner in a corresponding European patent application. Further, reference numeral RK, is an English translation of a publication in Japanese entitled "*Twin Screw Extrusion, Technology and Principles*" by J.L. White (pages 14 and 37) which was cited in a third party submission to the Japanese Patent Office with regard to the inventive step of the claims of a related Japanese Patent application. (See Communication dated December 26, 2000 submitted in related U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/360,056).

Applicants further note that in addition to reference RK, the third party submitted 7 other references. These references are listed below as 2-8:

- 2) Japanese Patent Application Laying Open (kokai) No. 5-194197 (U.S. Patent No. 5,552,159 to Mueller et al.);
- 3) Japanese Patent Application Laying Open (kokai) No. 7-53361 (EP 0624366 B1);
- 4) Japanese Patent Application Laying Open (kokai) No. 63-122623 (U.S. Patent No. 4,990,341 to Goldie et al.);
- 5) Japanese Patent Application Laying Open (kokai) No. 2-107260 (U.S. Patent No. 5,073,379 to Klimesch et al.);
- 6) Japanese Patent Application Laying Open (kokai) No. 260029 (AU-A-57224/86);
- 7) WO 94/08568 (U.S. Patent No. 5,700,410 to Nakamichi et al.); and
- 8) WO93/07859.

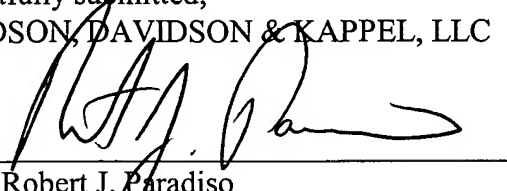
These additional references, 2-8, are included as reference numerals FI, NO, JF, BG, ND, AL, and AO, respectively on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and have already been considered and made of record in the parent case. Accordingly, copies of these references are not enclosed herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that any fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the reference cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record.

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	AR	Nicolas Follonier ¹ , Eric Doelker and Ewart T. Cole, <u>Evaluation of Hot-Melt Extrusion as a New Technique for the Production of Polymer-Based Pellets for Sustained Release Capsules containing high loadings of freely soluble drugs</u> , Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy, 20(8), 1323-1339 (1994)												
	AS	Nicolas Follonier ¹ , Eric Doelker ¹ and Ewart T. Cole ² , <u>Hot-Melt Extruded Pellets for the Sustained Release of Highly Dosed Freely Soluble Drugs</u> , Proceed. Intern. Symp. Control. Rel. Bioact. Mater., 18(1991), pages 578-579												
	AT	Twin Screw Extrusion in the Production of Novel Dosage Forms, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Review (June 1994)												
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	BS	Frank W. Goodhart et al., Design and Use of a Laboratory Extruder for Pharmaceutical Granulations, <u>Journal of Pharm. Scien.</u> , 62(1), p. 133-136 (January 1973).												
	BT	Publication, KEX, Twin Screw Compounding Extruder, (October 1989).												
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	FR	A.R. Gennaro, "Particle Phenomena and Coarse Dispersions", Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 17th Edition, 1985, p. 301													
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